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November 2, 1998

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Federal Election Commission
9 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
Attention: Ms. Jennifer H. Boyt

Re: **MUR 4821**

Dear Ms. Boyt:

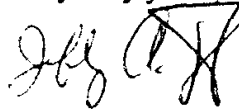
I represent Mr. Jeffrey E. Epstein in connection with the above-referenced matter and enclose Mr. Epstein's Statement of Designation of Counsel.

The complaint which the Federal Election Commission received from The Independence Party of New York alleges that Mr. Epstein's contribution to the Lazio for Congress campaign is in violation of Federal law in that it is in excess of the \$1,000 limit imposed by 11 C.F.R. §110.1.

Mr. Epstein's contribution is not in violation of Federal law. Within 10 days after Mr. Epstein made a contribution of \$2,000 to Lazio for Congress, he received a letter from the Treasurer of the campaign informing Mr. Epstein that his contribution was \$1,000 in excess of the contribution limit and advising Mr. Epstein of his right to either: (a) receive a refund of the \$1,000, or (b) redesignate \$1,000 of his contribution to the 1996 general election. Mr. Epstein chose to redesignate \$1,000 to 1996 general election. A copy of Mr. Epstein's redesignation is attached for your records.

If you require any additional information in connection with the above-referenced matter, please contact me at (212) 750-9895.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey A. Schantz

Encls.

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4821

NAME OF COUNSEL: Jeffrey A. Schantz, Esq.

FIRM: _____

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel
and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

11-2-98

Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Jeffrey E. Epstein

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New York, NY 10022

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Lazio

for Congress

P.O. Box 5063 • Bay Shore, NY 11706

September 19, 1996

Mr. Jeffrey E. Epstein
J. Epstein & Company, Inc.
The Villard House
457 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Epstein :

The Lazio for Congress Committee would like to thank you for your recent contribution to our campaign. Your contribution of \$2,000 puts you over the donors limit for Congressman Lazio's general election. Federal Election Law prohibits individuals from contributing more than \$1,000 per election. In order to resolve this matter you have two options (please check yes or no for each option and sign and date this letter below) :

- 1). The Lazio for Congress Committee can refund the excessive portion of the contribution to you.

Option 1 : Yes _____ No _____

- 2). The Lazio for Congress Committee will accept the contribution and you can redesignate it as follows to the 1996 election:

\$ 0 - Primary Election

\$ 1,000 - General Election

Option 2 : Yes X No _____

- 3). The Lazio for Congress Committee will accept the contribution and you can redesignate it to the 1996 election as follows :

\$ 1,000 - Primary Election

\$ 0 - General Election

Option 2 : Yes _____ No /

Authorized Signature _____

Date 9/21/96

Thank you for your assistance to this matter. Please call me at (516) 431-4441, extension 255 if there are any questions. A self-addressed, postage paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

John Maloney

John Maloney

Treasurer